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SUBJECT: AD HOC DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE DONATIONS TO
SPECIAL ACTION PROGRAM BY NON-G8 MEMBERS

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1. SUMMARY: AT AD HOC MEETING JUNE 10, NON-G8 DONOR
COUNTRY MEMBERS OF OECD (AUSTRIA, FINLAND, ICELAND, NEW
ZEALAND AND NORWAY), ASKED QUESTIONS ON G-8'S SPECIAL
ACTION PROGRAM IN ORDER TO ADVISE THEIR CAPITALS OF
DETAILS. THEY WERE ALL NON-COMMITTAL RE POSSIBILITY OF
PARALLEL CONTRIBUTIONS, AND DOUBTED DECISIONS WHETHER
TO CONTRIBUTE COULD BE MADE BEFORE OECD MINISTERIAL.
END SUMMARY.

2. AD HOC MEETING WAS HELD MORNING OF JUNE 10 AT
SECGEN'S REQUEST. SECRETARIAT SPECIAL COUNSEIOR FOR
DEVELOPMENT (MACCHIA), WHO SPOKE ON BEHALF OF SEC GEN,
GENTLY PUSHED NON-G8 MEMBERS FOR QUICK AND FAVORABLE
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DECISIONS ON PARALLEL CONTRIBUTIONS IN INTEREST OF OECD
SOLIDARITY. NORWEGIAN DEL REMINDED GROUP THAT AT LAST
XCSS MEETING HE HAD SAID NORWAY WOULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER
A PARALLEL CONTRIBUTION PROVIDED SPECIAL ACTION RECEIVED
GENERAL SUPPORT AND WAS CHANNELED THROUGH IDA. GON
STILL WILL CONSIDER PARTICIPATING, BUT DELIBERATIONS
WILL TAKE TIME AND PARLIAMENT WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE TO

APPROVE CONTRIBUTION. FINNISH AMBASSADOR SAID CABINET WOULD NOT MEET TO DISCUSS RESOURCE TRANSFER ISSUES UNTIL JUNE 21, AND HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO MAKE DECISION ON SPECIAL ACTION BEFORE OECD MINISTERIAL. ICELAND SAID QUICK DECISION UNLIKELY, AND NOTED GOI FEELS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO IDA IS ALREADY GENEROUS. NEW ZEALAND COULD ONLY SAY DECISION WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION, AND AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR ASKED QUESTIONS BUT DID NOT COMMENT ON POSSIBILITY OF AUSTRIAN CONTRIBUTION.

3. MOST OF MEETING WAS TAKEN UP ANSWERING MANY QUESTIONS ON SPECIAL ACTION NEGOTIATION AND FINAL AGREED TEXT WHICH NON-G8 MEMBERS, WHO HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN INTERNAL G8 DISCUSSIONS, NATURALLY POSED. G-8 MEMBERS, INCLUDING U.S., OPENLY AND FULLY REPLIED TO THESE QUESTIONS, AND THE FIVE NON-G8 DONOR REPRESENTATIVES SAID THEY WOULD FORWARD INFORMATION GATHERED TO THEIR CAPITALS. AS PREPARATIONS FOR MINISTERIAL PROCEED, NON-G8 MEMBERS WILL NO DOUBT BE ASKED BY SECGEN TO REPORT ON DELIBERATIONS IN THEIR CAPITALS CONCERNING POSSIBLE PARALLEL CONTRIBUTIONS.

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